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1. ON AUGUST 22 I BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL ZAHAWI
ON SECRETARY'S TRIP ALONG LINES OF REF A. A. ZAHAWI TOOK
CAREFUL NOTES. AT END OF MY PRESENTATION HE SPOKE AT
LENGTH ABOUT HIS VIEW OF U.S.-IRAQI-ZIONIST RELATIONS.
ZAHAWI, WHO IS NOT AN IDEOLOGUE, EXPRESSED PERPLEXITY

THAT USG WAS NOT TAKING FIRMER POSITIONS IN RESPONSE TO RECENT ISRAELI MOVES AND WONDERED WHETHER PRO-ISRAEL DOMESTIC PRESSURE ON PRESENT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ANY LESS EFFECTIVE THAN WAS TRUE DURING PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS. WHILE RESTATING IRAQI OPPOSITION TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, HE NONETHELESS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE NATURE OF THE "GENERAL PRINCIPLES" WHICH SECRETARY HAD SUGGESTED TO THE PARTIES AS A FRAMEWORK AND BASIS FOR GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS. I REPLIED THAT SECRETARY PROBABLY REGARDED SUCH DETAILS AS PRIVILEGED RROMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED. I ADDED THE THOUGHT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI COULD SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM SECRETARY IF THE WERE ABLE TO MEET IN NEW YORK THIS FALL.

2. TURNING TO US-IRAQI BILATERAL RELATIONS, I REVIEWED OUR POSITION DRAWING ON DEPARTMENT'S MOST RECENT CLARIFICATIONS (REF. B) AS WELL AS RECORD OF UNDERSECRETARY HABIB'S TALKS WITH HAMMADI IN BAGHDAD. I SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLE BILATERAL MEETING IN EWN YORK OFFERED GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE (REF. C). ZAHAWI AGREED AND SAID HE HAD POSTPONED OUR OWN MEETING TO GET VIEWS OF FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LEAVE. HAMMADI EXPECTS TO BE IN NEW YORK FROM END OF SEPTEMBER THROUGH AT LEAST FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER, AND HE WANTS TO MEET
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WITH SECRETARY.

3. COMMENT: ZAHAWI WAS CAREFUL TO NOT SHOW TOO MUCH INTEREST IN SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE CONTACTS BETWEEN USG AND PLO, BUT I NOTICED THAT HE MADE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL NOTES WHEN I COVERED THESE POINTS IN MY BRIEFING INSTRUCTIONS. MY CONVERSATIONS WITH ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION IN BAGHDAD SUGGEST THAT IRAQI REGIME IS INDEED VERY CONCERNED THAT PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP MIGHT CHANGE THE RULES OF THE GAME TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF IRAQ AND ITS REJECTION FRONT CLIENTS. ON POSITIVE SIDE, THIS APPEARS TO BE A MAJOR REASON WHY FOREIGN MINISTRY NOW WANTS A MORE ACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH USG. IRAQ IS ALSO SHEDDING ITS ISOLATED ROLE IN RELATIONS WITH ARAB BROTHERS. ON AUGUST 21 FOREIGN MINISTRY CONVOKED ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION TO INFORM THEM OF DECISION TO CONSULT WITH OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THE PALESTINE ISSUE. AT ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, IRAQ WILL PRESS FOR A UNITED ARAB STAND AT THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. WE CAN BE SURE THAT IRAQ INTENDS TO PUSH FOR A HARDLINE POSITION,BUT IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT BAGHDAD REGIME FEELS UNCOMFORTABLE

AT BEING LEFT OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST ACTION.
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